



Interoffice Memo  
Office of Design Policy & Support

**DATE:** 9/24/2021

**FILE:** P.I.# 0015558  
Meriwether County / GDOT District 3 - Thomaston  
SR 41 @ COLEMAN CREEK 4 MI S OF LUTHERSVILLE – Bridge Replacement

**FROM:** *Dane Peters*  
for R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer

**TO:** SEE DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVED DETOUR REPORT**

Attached is the approved Detour Report with Notice of Detour Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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**FILE:** P.I. 001558, Meriwether County  
SR 41 @ COLEMAN CREEK 4 MI S OF LUTHERSVILLE

**DATE:** August 17, 2021

**FROM:** *Bryan Williams* for Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

**TO:** Office of Design Policy and Support via [ConceptReports@dot.ga.gov](mailto:ConceptReports@dot.ga.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Submittal – Detour Report

The Office of Program Delivery hereby submits the attached Detour Report for your review and approval.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Jonathan Barnett at (205) 807-5046.

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Attachments: Preconstruction Status Report, Completed Detour Report approval request

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## Detour Report

**DATE:** 8/17/2021

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Meriwether County / GDOT District 3 - Thomaston  
SR 41 @ COLEMAN CREEK 4 MI S OF LUTHERSVILLE

*Bryan Williams*  
**FROM:** *for* Kimberly Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

**TO:** R. Christopher Rudd, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer  
Attn: Dave Peters, P.E., State Conceptual Design Group Manager

**SUBJECT:** Request for Detour Approval

**Description and Project Proposal:** The project proposes to replace the bridge on SR 41/Roosevelt Highway over Coleman Creek in Meriwether County, located 4 miles south of Luthersville, GA. The total length of the project is approximately 0.3 miles beginning 720 feet south of the existing bridge abutment and ending 960 feet north of the existing bridge abutment. The proposed project consists of constructing a new 140-ft long by 43.08-ft wide bridge over Coleman Creek that will be constructed at the current location along the existing roadway centerline. Tier 1 off-site detour will be utilized during construction.

**Concept Approval Date:** October 29, 2019

**Reason a Detour is required:** A detour is needed to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge. An on-site detour was considered; this alternative included a higher total construction cost of \$3.6M and longer construction time. This alternative was not chosen due to additional required easements and construction duration needed to construct the on-site detour and detour bridge. The preferred alternative is to use an offsite detour with approximate total cost of \$2.7M. The normal route distance is 13.0 miles. The detour route distance for trucks is 21.3 miles. Local traffic will have the option to use local paved roads for shorter distance.

**Estimated Detour Construction:** 12 months

**Existing Traffic:**

Existing ADT (2019): 4625  
24 HR T: 12.0 %

**Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Detour Route:** The Detour route was publicized from June 18, 2020 through July 27, 2020 at the Public Detour Open House virtual meeting. Public controversy is not anticipated as evidenced by public/stakeholder involvement. The Detour route was discussed and

evaluated in the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Document and was approved by GDOT on behalf of FHWA on May 13, 2021.

**Public Detour Meeting Results:** The GDOT Detour Open House was held virtually online with postcards mailed on *June 25, 2020*. Five responses were received from June 23, 2020 to July 1, 2020. Of the total of **five** respondents that formally commented, **three** were in **support** of the project, and **two** were **neutral**. There were no significant project changes completed as a result of the comments received.

Early detour coordination was performed prior to the concept approval. Letters and Detour Impact Forms were sent to the Meriwether County Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (BOC), the Meriwether County School Superintendent, and the Meriwether County EMS Director. Per request of County BOC Administrator, Detour Impact forms were also sent to the Mayors of Greenville, Ga & Luthersville, Ga. Supplemental feedback responses were received from all parties with minor questions and concerns regarding the detour.

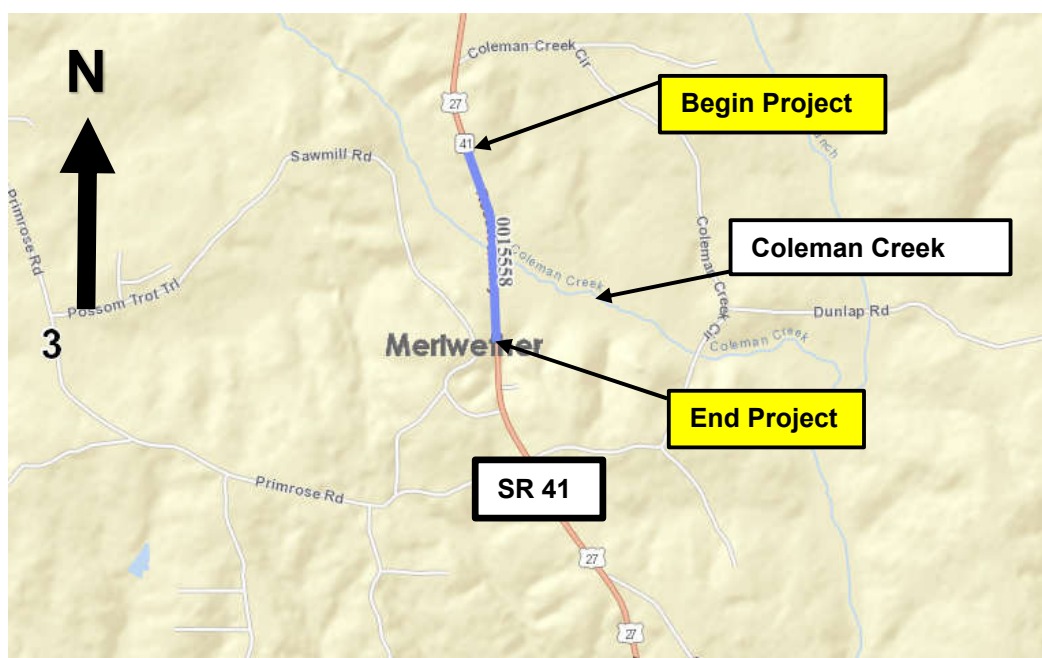
**Recommendations:** Recommend that the detour route for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

<b>Concur:</b>	 _____ GDOT Director of Engineering	<u>9/20/2021</u> _____ Date
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<b>Approve:</b>	_____ GDOT Chief Engineer	<u>9/20/2021</u> _____ Date
<b>For</b>		

Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- Preferred Detour Route
- Detour Meeting Comment Cards and Transcript
- Local Emergency, School and Public Officials Detour Impact Forms
- Notice of Detour Approval

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NORMAL ROUTE LENGTH: 13 MILES  
DETOUR ROUTE LENGTH: 21.3 MILES  
BYPASS ROUTE LENGTH: 8.3 MILES

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SR 41 @ COLEMAN CREEK  
MERIWETHER COUNTY

# ATKINS



NOT TO SCALE

PIOH Comments:

CreationDate	Do you support the project?	General Comments	How did you hear about the project?	Other - How did you hear about the project?	Name	Email
6/23/2020 20:16	strongly_support	I approve and support the State Road 41 @ Coleman Creek - Bridge Replacement Project because it will replace the existing bridge over Coleman Creek with a new bridge that is up to safety standards.	gdot_website		Jackson Hurst	jhurst29@students.kennesaw.edu
6/26/2020 12:20	neutral	Even though I marked neutral on support of the project, I know the replacement of the bridge is needed. I would like for someone to show me and my husband (the closest residence to the bridge) how it will affect our property. There are so many markers on our property, you can't possible tell where or what they are for.	other	surveys coming onto our property putting up markers	Debbie Flournoy	flournoyds@yahoo.com
6/26/2020 20:12	neutral	I was just wondering would it be possible to improve Coleman creek circle beforehand and traffic can go around the bridge project? I ask because I currently drive 40 miles, one way, to work each day. This would mean a lot more miles and wear and tear on our vehicles. Thank you.	postcard_direct_mailer		Steve Braddy	chevy271978@aol.com
6/27/2020 1:29	strongly_support	I am so glad this bridge is being address. I travel to and from Greenville everyday to work. The bridge is like playing hop scotch everyday to avoid the holes in the pavement.  Could a temporary bridge be built until the new is built ....to avoid the long detour?	postcard_direct_mailer,other	I work for the Meriwether County BOC and heard from County Admin	Doris Flournoy	flournoydoris10@gmail.com
7/1/2020 0:11	support	Picture shown is not Coleman Creek Bridge. This could be confusing.	postcard_direct_mailer		Elaine Daprano	m.e.daprano@gmail.com

Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
Detour Impact Form for Local Government/County  
PI No. 0015558, Bridge Serial No. 199-0025-0, Meriwether County

Using the attached detour map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use "N/A" or "Not-known" if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us using the information provided in the cover letter.

1. Please quantify the number of impacts anticipated by the off-site detour shown on the attached map.

Daily Number of vehicles Not Known Daily Number of Trucks Not Known  
Number of Residences Not Known Number of Businesses Not Known  
Detour Length 21+ miles

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year? (Please note that any concerns identified here must be explained in #3 below, in order for the Project Designers to address the concerns)

☐ No Concerns

☐ Moderate Concerns

☒ Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified on #2. Please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.). In order for the project to continue in the Preliminary Engineering phase, any concerns regarding impact on service, must be addressed by project staff. For example, if the box for "Major Concerns" is checked, a response of N/A would not be valid.

Meriwether County is concerned about detoured traffic using County maintained roads as a shortcut for the long detour. Local connecting roads are already exhibiting Base failure and will not be able to service the increased volume.

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

There are no particular time periods or events that are a concern, unless project completion is delayed significantly.

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them? (Separate letters and detour forms have been sent to the County EMA Director and the Superintendent of Schools.)

City of Luthersville - Mayor Don Cattie - 770-927-6885  
City of Greenville - Mayor Charlene Glover 706-672-1216

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

Even if all truck traffic is routed to State Routes, the volume of local traffic will have a major impact on the County Road system which is already in poor condition. Strong consideration should be given to an on-site detour

7. Estimated width of existing right-of-way at bridge N/A ft

Form Completed by (Name): L. Theron Gray for Meriwether County, Ga

(Title): County Administrator

Date: 4-22-2020



By checking this box, we support the bridge replacement utilizing an off-site detour.

only if an on-site detour is not a viable option



**Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
Detour Impact Form for School Board  
PI No. 0015558, Bridge Serial No. 199-0025-0, Meriwether County**

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1. How many School Buses cross the bridge per day?

Number of Buses 16 Number of Trips 2

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

☐ No Concerns ☐ Moderate Concerns ☒ Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified on # 1, please specify what they are, and be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.). *In order for the project to continue in the Preliminary Engineering phase, any concerns regarding impact on service, must be addressed by project staff. For example, if the box for “Major Concerns” is checked, a response of N/A would not be valid.*

Closing this bridge will be a huge impact on school buses getting to schools on time. School start and finish times will have to be changed

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them?

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

Form Completed by (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

(Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ By checking this box, we support the bridge replacement utilizing an offsite detour.



Dr. Robert Griffin, Superintendent

Bradley Smith, Chairman | Bob M. Patterson | Leon Coverson | Willie A. Hinton, Jr. | Rebecca "Kay" King

May 27, 2020

Mr. King,

This letter is in reference to your letter about the bridge replacement.

Your questions

1. How many buses cross this location per school day?

16 buses travel this route 2 times a day.

2. Are same buses/drivers used for multiple routes (ES, MS, and HS)?

Yes the same drivers are running all 3 schools.

3. Could any local streets be used in lieu of the official detour route?

I have looked and will be able to use other routes; I will need to adjust my school times.

4. Any local route chosen would not have proposed improvements as a part of this project.

I will use other roads. My concern is road conditions when a lot of rain.

5. Summer month's construction could be implemented to avoid or lessen impacts.

A summer schedule would work great, however I can adjust times to make it work.

I hope this helps in answering your questions.

Please let me know as soon as possible when this project will start.

Thank you,



Mickie Samper

Assistant Transportation Director

[mickie.samper@mcssga.org](mailto:mickie.samper@mcssga.org)

(706) 441-0610

Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
Detour Impact Form for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  
PI No. 0015558, Bridge Serial No. 199-0025-0, Meriwether County

1. Please rate the impact to Emergency Response services if the bridge were closed for up to a year.

☐ No Impact      ☐ Low Impact      ☒ Moderate Impact      ☐ High Impact

2. If concerns were identified on # 1, please specify what they are, and be as specific as possible (examples: condition of detour routes, located in a high call volume area, closure could affect response to schools, weight restrictions, expected new development in the area, coordination with partner agency required to facilitate service). *In order for the project to continue in the Preliminary Engineering phase, any concerns regarding impact on service, must be addressed by project staff. For example, if the box for "High Impact" is checked, a response of N/A would not be valid.*

The only concern is the delay of emergency services through the area.

We would most likely use Coleman Creek Circle as a detour for emergency traffic and estimate the resulting added delay at around five minutes.

We would very much like to see improvements made to Coleman Creek Circle to facilitate better traffic flow.

3. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

None

4. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, contact information, and reason we should contact them?

No

5. Are there any additional comments you have for this project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

I have no additional comments.

Yes, the road names will be easily recognized by the locals.

Form Completed by (Name): Alfonsus Pynenburg  
(Title): Fire Chief  
Date: 4/22/2020

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1. Please quantify the number of impacts anticipated by the off-site detour shown on the attached map.

Daily Number of vehicles Unknown Daily Number of Trucks Unknown  
Number of Residences None Number of Businesses None  
Detour Length N/A

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year? (Please note that any concerns identified here must be explained in #3 below, in order for the Project Designers to address the concerns)

☒ No Concerns ☐ Moderate Concerns ☐ Major Concerns

3. **If concerns were identified** on #2. Please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.). *In order for the project to continue in the Preliminary Engineering phase, any concerns regarding impact on service, must be addressed by project staff. For example, if the box for “Major Concerns” is checked, a response of N/A would not be valid.*

N/A

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

May be an issue on 11/28/2020 for two hours but certainly  
not a major concern (Parade)

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them? (Separate letters and detour forms have been sent to the County EMA Director and the Superintendent of Schools.)

N/A

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

The portion of Hwy 100 in the city is called North Depot St

7. Estimated width of existing right-of-way at bridge N/A ft

Form Completed by (Name): Charlene R. Seaver  
(Title): Mayer  
Date: 04/30/2020



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1. Please quantify the number of impacts anticipated by the off-site detour shown on the attached map.

Daily Number of vehicles Not Known Daily Number of Trucks Not Known  
Number of Residences Not Known Number of Businesses Not Known  
Detour Length 2.1 miles

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year? (Please note that any concerns identified here must be explained in #3 below, in order for the Project Designers to address the concerns)

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☐ Moderate Concerns

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7. Estimated width of existing right-of-way at bridge N/A ft

Form Completed by (Name): Donald T Cuttie

(Title): Mayor, City of Luthersville

Date: 5-5-2020



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# NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

## P. I. 0015558 MERIWETHER COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this project.

The date of detour approval is: September 24, 2021

The project proposes to replace the bridge on SR 41/Roosevelt Highway over Coleman Creek in Meriwether County, located 4 miles south of Luthersville, GA. The total length of the project is approximately 0.3 miles beginning 720 feet south of the existing bridge abutment and ending 960 feet north of the existing bridge abutment. The proposed project consists of constructing a new bridge over Coleman Creek that will be constructed at the current location along the existing roadway centerline. This project would include an off-site detour that is proposed to be in place for approximately 12 months.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation. For information or questions regarding the Detour Route, please contact:

William Boyd, Area Engineer  
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[wboyd@dot.ga.gov](mailto:wboyd@dot.ga.gov)  
1107 Hogansville Road  
LaGrange, GA 30240  
(706) 845-4115